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## A Season for Caring

As Airmen, we need to take care of our entire Air Force family. This includes our families, our wingmen, our subordinates and their families.

During the holiday season, it's easy to become so wrapped up in our own lives that we forget about those who work beside us day in and day out, especially those without a spouse or children at home. Likewise, it's easy to forget about our deployed Airmen and those they had to leave behind. As we enjoy this holiday season, let's remember that our family extends far beyond those who live in our homes or share our bloodlines.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

**Contact your deployed Airmen** - A phone call, holiday greeting card or letter can go a long way to let them know you care.

**Look out for the families of your Airmen** - Don't forget about the families of your deployed members this holiday season. Call and check on them; ask if they need anything and let them know you're there. You may be surprised how much this means to them.

**Don't assume everyone has plans** - Reach out to your Air Force family — your wingmen and your subordinates — during the holidays. Ask if they have plans, and if you're willing and able, include them in yours.

**Participate and encourage participation in base events** - Taking care of Airmen is one of the Air Force priorities, and our leadership goes to great lengths to ensure this happens. Participate in base holiday events, parties and other gatherings, and encourage other Airmen to do the same.

**Make the most of this time with your loved ones** - Meeting the needs of today's Air Force means many of us have to spend time away from our friends and family. It's their support that helps us perform our vital Air Force mission, and for this very reason, we must make the most of the time we have with them. Set aside time for your spouse, children, significant others and yourself. Call or visit your family back home and let them know how you're doing.

*Correction to Dec. 5 Airman's Roll Call: Chaplains have absolute confidentiality when individuals speak to them in private conversations as a matter of religion or conscience.*

*Editor's Note: The next Airman's Roll Call will be distributed Jan. 9, 2008. Happy Holidays to all!*

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